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Dear Edgar,

Several years have gone by, but for some reason you have not answered my last letter. I do not want to believe that you did not want to answer. Probably the letter got lost on the way. Be that as it may, but if you will not write then I decided that enough time had gone by and I would try to write again, and maybe you will receive my letter this time and will answer it.

About myself I can only say that I'm living the same as before. It is the same day after day. I go to work in the morning, come home in the evening. I also attend various meetings in the evening or other things. Of course the meetings and conferences are held on sports activities and that is considered public work.

As you probably know I have been the chairman of the Athletic Federation for the past two years, but since August of last year I have been relieved of this job. More correctly, things did not go well with the chairman of <sup>the</sup> sports committee. At first it seemed a little strange to me, as I had more free time in the evening, but now I have become used to it and I like <sup>it very</sup> well. Although I am no longer chairman of the federation, I am still in the presidium of the ~~feder-~~ federation and that is now my only public function, except that of acting as referee. I often act as referee for contests in Latvia and

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mainly, as chief referee. But I do not feel like doing too much of that either, I suppose I am getting old. I would rather like to sleep or read a book.

How have you been during this time? Were you <sup>in Rome</sup> ~~enjoyed~~ too? I read about the results of Juris <sup>in the Decathlon</sup>.

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We don't hear much now about the results achieved by Latvians living abroad, so I don't know anything about them. Our athletes have been training for quite some time, as we haven't had any winter at all. For a few days the temperature was about  $-10^{\circ}$  and that was all. Most of the time the temperature was <sup>above</sup> ~~about~~ 0. The rivers did not even ~~freeze~~ freeze, and in March the temperature was even about  $15^{\circ}$ . So you see our athletes have had a good winter for training, many of them have made the most of it and are training diligently. If you are interested in any of our results, let me know and I can send them to you.

In the meantime I have finished processing the 100 best results achieved in Latvia in Olympic sports. You too have always been among the 100 best: in the 1500 meter run with 4:09.6 you were near the end of the 100, for the 100th result I have 4:12.8, but in the 5,000 meter run you are pretty high with your 15:47.1. In this case the 100th result is 16:10.6. *The 16* best runners of all times made the 1500 meter run in less than four minutes, but in the 5,000 meter run only six made it in less than 14 minutes. I had quite a hard time collecting all the results and even now I am not sure whether I have

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them all. I spent a lot of time sitting in libraries, since that was the only place to find the results. Be that as it may, but now I have the 100 best of all times. I have also included in these 100 the former results which were not considered before. I have also collected all the information on the three first winners in Latvian championships, beginning with 1920 and ending with 1960. I have also collected all the results on state contests held in Latvia. So you see I have been busy doing this work, which is very interesting for me, but whether anyone will need it I don't know. Perhaps sometimes it will be possible to combine it all and publish it in a book. Our state publishing house has promised to do so, but so far these are only promises. Anyway this work has given me a great deal of pleasure, as I spend every free minute working on the results. I have been getting more and more of them. I have so many papers that my wife promises to throw all the paper in the oven, since there is no more room to keep it.

Last year I was in Moscow for the international contests, attended by athletes of 16 foreign countries. I was the assistant of the chief referee. The contests were very interesting and exciting. Among the participants were Beruti, Bolasa, Ksesinska, and others. In general there was much to see. ~~Thinking of going to Moscow~~

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This year I am thinking of going to Moscow when the match with North America takes place. It is easy for me to go as a referee, as I am

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a member of the presidium of the All-Union Referees Collegium. As a referee I am valued quite highly, as I have done a great deal of it and have done it fairly well; I have also been the chief referee outside of Latvia, in Minsk, Krasnodar, Kharkov, and other cities.

Easter will be here soon. I wish you and your family a happy Easter. Our church holidays are not celebrated here officially, but those who want can celebrate them.

During the last few weeks I have suffered from a back ache. I probably have contracted what they call sciatica. I cannot bend or straighten up quickly. It has come so far that I had to go to a doctor to get radiation treatment for my back and now it is getting better. I will finish now. If you meet anyone who knows me and still remembers me, give them my greetings. I shall wait for an answer.

[signed] Juris .

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Sveiks Edgari!

Atrai pāris gadu pagājis, bet Tu nezinu kāpēc  
uz manu pēdējo vēstuli neesi atbildējis. Negribēti  
zīdēt, ka Tu negribēji atbildēt. Grābi min vēstule  
kūš celi gājusi zuduma. Lai nu kā, bet ja manā  
Tu, tad nolēmu, ka diezgan ilgā laika pagājis, ka  
mēģināšu rakstīt un rakstīt, ka Tu šorīt manu  
vēstuli saņemsi un atbildēsi. Par sevi rādī  
tiek tikai to, ka dīroji pēdīgi pa vecam.  
Pārtais darbs dienas ritums. No rīta uz darbu,  
bet rīdā mājās. Pēc tam būs vakars  
notur gan dažādas sēdes, sanāksmes vai kas cits.  
Protams, sēdes un sanāksmes notiek pa sporta  
līniju un tas ir tāds kā sabiedrskais darbs.  
Kā jau Tu zināsi, tad es pēdējos gadus biju  
miegatletikas federācijas priekšsēdētājs, bet tagad  
no pagājušā gada augustā no šī amata tik  
valē. Pārņemti sarakst "mūlāji" ar sporta komitejas  
priekšsēdētāju. Sākumā biju tā ievēgāts, jo  
paliku vakaros rīdāt liela laika, bet  
tagad esmu pīrādis un patērēti lieli.  
Ja aizgāju no federācijas priekšsēdētāja amata,  
tad federācijas prezidents tāmsi paliku un  
tagad tas ir arī mans mūnīgais sabiedrskais  
amats, jo neskatot tīsāsam. Latvijas sacīkstes  
tīsāji būs un galamokāst esmu galamais

kurmēsis. Bet arī šādi daudz negūtes, jo  
nu jau, laikam, nāc mums vairs. Labāko  
gūtes pagūst vai kaut ko palasīt.

Kā Jūs gāji šā laiku. Vai Romā arī bijī.  
Jūsu rezultāts demitcikai - labi. Tagad mēs  
jū mums dzirdam par āfēmās dzīvojošo latviešu  
vzrādītā rezultātiem tā kā par tiem mēs uzinu.  
Mūsu mēslābīti šogad jau sen atrodas citā gā-  
tūmā, jo ziemas jū mums nebija. Šogad  
dienas temperatūra bija ap  $-10^{\circ}$  un šo  
arī bija viss. Lūk šo daļu temperatūra  
bija visnulle. Pēc pētīšanas, bet  
mācītā pētīja ap  $+15^{\circ}$ . Tā kā vāļi mūsu  
mēslābītiem ir bijusi laba ziņa turpināt,  
ko daudz arī labprāt atmantotā un citā  
turpināt. Ja šādi kādi mūsu rezultāti nātu,  
tad vāļi vāļi Jūs atzīst. Pa šo laiku  
šādi kļūst apstādāt Latvijas vien laiku 100  
labāko saraksts olimpiskajos sporta veidos.  
Arī Jūs varat arī vien laiku 100 labāko saraksts.  
1500 m skrējienā ar 4:09.6 tūkst jū 100 beigām,  
jo 100 rezultāts man ir 4:12,8, bet 5000  
metros Jūs turat ar samērā ar samērā 15:42.1  
angļu. Šeit 100. rezultāts ir 16:10.6. Vāļi  
1500 metru skrējienā vien laiku labāko  
16 cilvēki ir šos veikusi zem citām  
minūtēm, bet 5000 metros tikai šādi zem  
ceturksnīt minūtēm. Jā, šādi gūti



ir nēglāis, jo esmu vissamērās tievās koleģijas  
pazīdīja locīdīs. Tāsānās jīnā es "kātējos"  
samērā angstā, jo esmu tīvājis dāudz un  
samērā labi, jo kam esmu bijis arī dāudz  
gābmānī tīvāsīs arī ārpas Lātvijs - Mūska,  
Krasnodars, Mārkora n.c.

Tīvājis Līdīnās. Novēlā Jēv un Tānījū  
mīnīgās sūtīs. Pī mūs bāzīnās sūtīs  
ofīcīlī nēvīn, bet tās sātīn tī, kam tās  
jātīn.

Pēdējās nēdēlās mēros an mūgmas sēpīm. Esmu  
nāvēis, laīkam, to ko sātīn par īvīasū. Mūsān  
mē pāvēlītīs nēdēlās strānī pīcēlītīs. Mūsān tīv  
tālī, ka dānījīs sūtī jū āvīstā un mūgmas  
sūtīnāt un mē sūtī jūn atkēl vā lālō jūnī.  
An tō tāt arī bījīs. Šā kōdē sātīn no tīv  
kūrī māmī pāzīt un vīt atēvīs, tāt  
nēdēl māmīs sūtīnās.

Jācīdīs atbēlī

Līvī

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